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# Joint Inspection Unit

## Report of the Fifth Committee

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## I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2012, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-seventh session the item entitled "Joint Inspection Unit" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 23rd and 27th meetings, on 4 and 28 March 2013. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/67/SR.23 and 27).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2012 and programme of work for 2013 (A/67/34) and a note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2012 (A/67/724).

## II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.24

4. At its 27th meeting, on 28 March, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Joint Inspection Unit" (A/C.5/67/L.24), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Lithuania.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.24 without a vote (see para. 6).

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# III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

## Joint Inspection Unit

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its previous resolutions on the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular resolutions 31/192 of 22 December 1976, 50/233 of 7 June 1996, 54/16 of 29 October 1999, 57/284 A and B of 20 December 2002, 58/286 of 8 April 2004, 59/267 of 23 December 2004, 60/258 of 8 May 2006, 61/238 of 22 December 2006, 61/260 of 4 April 2007, 62/226 of 22 December 2007, 62/246 of 3 April 2008, 63/272 of 7 April 2009, 64/262 of 29 March 2010, 65/270 of 4 April 2011 and 66/259 of 9 April 2012,

*Reaffirming* the statute of the Unit[1] and the unique role of the Unit as the only external and independent system-wide inspection, evaluation and investigation body,

*Having considered* the report of the Unit for 2012 and programme of work for 2013[2] and the note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Unit for 2012,[3]

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2012 and programme of work for 2013;[2]

2. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Unit for 2012;[3]

3. *Acknowledges* the efforts of the Unit to continuously update and improve its medium- and long-term strategy for 2010-2019, taking into account the dynamics and challenges of the environment in which it undertakes its activities;

4. *Notes with appreciation* the launch of the web-based tracking system, and requests the participating organizations to make full use of the new system and provide in-depth analysis on how the recommendations of the Unit are being implemented;

5. *Reiterates its request* to the executive heads of the participating organizations to fully comply with the statutory procedures for consideration of the reports of the Unit and, in particular, to submit their comments, including information on what they intend to do regarding the recommendations of the Unit, to distribute reports in time for their consideration by legislative organs and to provide information on the steps to be taken to implement those recommendations accepted by the legislative organs and the executive heads of participating organizations;

6. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General and the other executive heads of the participating organizations to fully assist the Unit with the timely provision of all information requested by it;

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[1] Resolution 31/192, annex.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/67/34).

[3] A/67/724.

7. *Welcomes* the coordination of the Unit with the Board of Auditors and the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat, and encourages those bodies to continue sharing experiences, knowledge, best practices and lessons learned with other United Nations audit and oversight bodies, as well as with the Independent Audit Advisory Committee, with a view to avoiding overlap or duplication and achieving further synergy, cooperation, effectiveness and efficiency, without prejudice to the respective mandates of the audit and oversight bodies;

8. *Requests* the Unit to consider optimizing the number of projects in its programme of work through prioritization;

9. *Welcomes* the reform efforts made by the Unit to better serve the interests of the participating organizations and Member States, and encourages the Unit to continue its efforts in this regard;

10. *Reiterates* its request to the Unit to continue to focus its reports on important priority items, identifying concrete managerial, administrative and programming questions aimed at providing the General Assembly and other legislative organs of participating organizations with practical and action-oriented recommendations on precisely defined issues;

11. *Notes* the need to enhance the Unit's effectiveness and its system-wide oversight capability;

12. *Recalls* the intention of the Unit to undertake a comprehensive peer review as explained in paragraphs 15 and 27 (d) of annex III to its report for 2008 and programme of work for 2009,[4] and in this respect requests the Unit to include analysis and recommendations in its report to the General Assembly at the first part of its resumed sixty-eighth session, concerning, inter alia:

(a) Working methods of the Unit;

(b) Optimal size and composition of the Unit;

(c) Standards and guidelines of the Unit;

(d) Selection of subjects contained in the annual programme of work;

(e) Impact of recommendations made to the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination and participating organizations;

13. *Notes with satisfaction* that the inspectors and the staff of the Unit had no difficulty, nor did they experience any delay, in obtaining visas for official travel during the period, and in this regard encourages Member States to continue to provide to the Unit all the assistance needed, including by issuing visas in a timely manner, with the aim of supporting the Unit and the implementation of its mandate.

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[4] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 34* and corrigendum (A/63/34 and Corr.1).